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LONDON, Jan. 23, 2:23 p.m.—Heavy
fighting occurred on Friday between
the British army, which is attempting
to reach Kut-el-Amara, in Mesopotamia,
and the Turks. The battle took
place at Essin, seven miles from Kut-
el-Amara. The British were unable to
drive the Turks from their positions.
The purpose of the British is to rescue
the original expeditionary force, which
has been surrounded at Kut-el-Amara
by the Turks.

The following official statement on
the Mesopotamian campaign was given
today, under yesterday's date:
"Sir Percy Lake (the new command-
er in Mesopotamia), reports that Gen-
eral Aylmer attacked the Turkish posi-
tion at Essin on Friday. There
was fighting continued thru the day, with
varying success. The weather thence-
forth was atrocious, a pouring rain
rendering movements of troops ex-
tremely difficult.

"Owing to the floods it was impos-
sible to renew the attack on Saturday
and General Aylmer took up a posi-
tion 1800 yards from the trenches.
The weather continues very bad,
with incessant rain. No details re-
garding the casualties have been re-
ported, but they are reported to have
been very heavy on both sides."

**TWO MORE VICTIMS
OF FOE'S SUBMARINES**
Steamer and Cargo Boat An-
nounced to Have Been
Sunk.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Losses of a
British steamer and cargo boat are
reported today. The steamer Trem-
ont, 2445 tons, has been sunk but the
crew has been landed.
A Saloniki despatch, via Paris, says
a German submarine has sunk a
British cargo boat. The crew was
saved.

WAR SUMMARY:
Today's Events Reviewed

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German lines in France and Belgium with great effect, the offi-
cial communique being mainly filled with notes of this sort of
operation. The resistant medium of earth to heavy gun fire has come
in for much attention on the part of observers. Even some persons
are found who assert that a deadlock exists. That explanation of the
condition is not scientific. The old notion of a fortified city, with
the delaying of an advance. That view has been changed in the
west to the view that lines of trenches are held for the purpose of
permitting an army to emerge for an advance when ready for making
one.

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to break thru the German positions, except, perhaps, in the case of
last September, when, in order to assist the Russians, an attack was
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in that case only partial battles were fought, the whole of the allied
forces in this theatre of war not being engaged. The object of the
allied high command was rather to start a fight.

It has been pointed out by military men that the advances made
by the British and French troops were made on too narrow a front
to enable them to effect a breach. When the big attempt comes it
will not improbably be made on a fifty or sixty-mile front, with five
or ten times the power of shell behind it that was used in the Septem-
ber assaults.

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Berlin Reports That Turkey Will
Issue an Official Ad-
mission.

TO SETTLE QUESTION?
Central Powers Hope Statement
Will Prove Satisfactory to
United States.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—An Amsterdam
despatch to the Exchange Telegraph
Co. says:
"According to a Berlin report the
Turkish ministry of marine is about
to publish a statement to the effect
that a Turkish submarine sank the
steamer Persia."

"The report alleges that similar
statements are being published by the
German and Austrian admiralties, it
being hoped by the central powers
that such a declaration will settle the
Persia question."

This despatch has not been con-
firmed from other sources.

Both the German and Austro-
Hungarian Governments have an-
nounced that the Persia was not
sunk by one of their submarines, and
investigations by the diplomatic re-
presentatives of the U. S. abroad have
failed to reveal the real cause of the
disaster.

The Persia was sunk off the island
of Crete, Dec. 30, with a loss of 119
passengers and 217 members of the
crew. The vessel went down within
five minutes after a terrific explosion
forward.

**BULLET-PROOF SHIELDS
ARE TESTED IN FRANCE**
Newly Invented Trench Cannon
Are Also Given a Trial.

PARIS, Jan. 22, 4:45 p.m.—Presi-
dent Poincaré and Albert Thomas,
under-secretary of war, were present
at the trials at Satry Camp yester-
day of the newly invented trench
cannon and bullet-proof shields.

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LOSSES FROM BOMBS SLIGHT BRITISH PURSUED AIR RAIDERS

**One Man Killed and
Six Persons Injured
in Early Morning At-
tack on East Coast
of Kent—Aeroplanes'
Second Raid Com-
plete Failure.**

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Two attacks by
German aeroplanes on the east coast
of Kent today resulted, according to
British official statements, in the death
of one man, eight injuries to two men,
one woman and three children, and
some damage to property by fire.
The first raid occurred at 1 o'clock
this morning. Only one hostile aeroplane
was seen and it made off east-
ward after dropping nine bombs re-
sulting in the casualties mentioned.
The second raid was made by two
aeroplanes, which were driven off
without causing any damage to prop-
erty.

Some Property Lost.
The official account of the raids fol-
lows:
"The war office announces that, tak-
ing advantage of the bright
moonlight, a hostile aeroplane
visited the east coast of Kent at
1 o'clock this morning. After drop-
ping nine bombs in rapid succes-
sion it made off seaward."
"No naval or military damage
was done, but there was some
damage to private property. Incen-
dinary bombs caused fires, which
were extinguished by 2 a.m."

"The following casualties occur-
red: One man killed, two men,
one woman and three children
slightly injured."
"Following on the aerial attack
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FRENCH AIR SQUADRONS MADE ATTACK ON METZ

Twenty-four Machines Launched Large Number of
Shells Against Railway Stations and Barracks
—One Aircraft Lost.

PARIS, Jan. 23.—Tonight's official statement says: "On Jan. 23 two
of our groups of aeroplanes, comprising twenty-four machines,
bombarbed the railway stations and barracks at Metz. One
hundred and thirty shells were launched against the objects design-
ated. The bombarding aeroplanes were escorted by two protecting
squadrons of the pilots which during the trip engaged in ten combats
with Fokkers and Aviatiks.

"Our aeroplanes were violently cannonaded along the whole of their
course, but returned undamaged, except one only, which was obliged to
make a landing to the southeast of Metz."

**INVADERS INTEND TO PLACE
IRON HEEL ON MONTENEGRO**
Soldiers Who Resist Will be Forcibly Destroyed
or Marched Off as Prisoners of War,
Austria Informs Montenegro.

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from all hostile acts, have begun a
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detachments must surrender. If they
surrender without offering resistance
they will be allowed to retain their
occupations. Those offering resistance
will be forcibly destroyed or marched
off as prisoners of war. The reasons,
the peculiarities of the country and
the condition of the inhabitants
will give peace to Montenegro,
which has long suffered under war.
The Montenegrin supreme command
has been informed of our purpose."

King Nicholas of Montenegro has
arrived at Brindisi on his way to
London, according to a despatch to the
Sietani Bureau. Prince Nikko and
three of the cabinet ministers will re-
main in Montenegro at the request of
the army, which has been placed in
command of Gen. Stukovitch and will
continue the fight in an endeavor to
operate with the allies, defending Al-
bania with its base at Scutari.

Tonight's official statement from
Vienna says: "The surrender of the
Montenegrin arms continues in numer-
ous parts of the country. On the
northeast front of Montenegro more
than 1500 Serbians have surrounded
the city. Fighting resumed."

A semi-official communication issued
from Budapest, Hungary, as forwarded
from Zurich to the Exchange Tele-
graph Co. contains the first admission
received here from Teutonic sources
to the effect that fighting has been re-
sumed in Montenegro. According to
this report a considerable portion of
the Montenegrin army refused to sur-
render, and fierce fighting was re-
sumed yesterday in the mountains.

London Not Reached.
The County of Kent forms the south-
easternmost portion of England, and
the southern of Thames. It includes
parts of the City of London, but the
wording of the official statement in-
dicates that the aeroplane did not
reach the County. The point nearest
London on the eastern coast of Kent
is some 50 miles from the centre of
the city.

A point of interest in the official
account of the raid is the statement
that it was made by an aeroplane.
Heretofore Germany has relied prin-
cipally on Zeppelins for aerial attacks
on England. Of late, however, there
has been much discussion in England
of a new type of German aeroplane,
the Fokker, which has been reported
to excel the aircraft of the allies. En-
glish newspapers stated last week that
the British airmen were outpowered
and outwitted by the Fokkers.

Harold J. Tennant, parliamentary
under-secretary for war, replied to this
criticism in the House of Commons, ad-
verting that the Fokker was well adapted
to defensive operations, but was
incapable of making long flights.
Some of the London newspapers
were not satisfied with this statement,
pointing out that British headquarters
reports showed the loss of 14 aeroplane
killed and 114 wounded by a Zeppelin
attack on London. It has been reported
by returning travelers, however, that
the Germans have made many at-
tempts since that time at aerial at-
tacks, but that their aircraft were
turned back by British aeroplanes.

Several Months' Immunity.
The raid comes after an interval of
several months, during which England,
as far as has been reported officially,
was immune from such attacks. The
last previous occurrence of this nature
was on Oct. 15, when 65 persons were
killed and 114 wounded by a Zeppelin
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by returning travelers, however, that
the Germans have made many at-
tempts since that time at aerial at-
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**GIVE TWO DOLLARS
WHERE YOU GAVE ONE**
That is the Slogan for Two Mil-
lion Dollar Campaign
This Week.

Reception This Afternoon and
Mass Meeting Will Aug-
urate Three Days' Drive.

Arrangements for the big campaign
to raise \$2,000,000 in three days, this
week for the Toronto and York
Patriotic fund, have been completed.
Twenty-five teams of ten men each
will start out on the campaign to-
morrow, and the first reception will
be held at the city hall this afternoon
for the dependents of enlisted men,
and tonight a monster meeting will
be held at Massey Hall.

A dinner attended by 350 men was
held at the old McConkey building on
Saturday evening, when 25 team
captains and their dependents, ten
men and their dependents, were
entertained. The reception will be in
the evening at the city hall.

At the city hall this afternoon, Sir
John Hendrie, Mayor Church and
Gen. Logie will receive the women
and children dependents of men who
are fighting in France, or who have
enlisted. The reception will be in
the evening at the city hall.

**BRITAIN WILL
BAR LUXURIES**
Striking Announcement by
Government Likely to be
Made Today.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—An important
government statement is expected to
be made in parliament tomorrow
when the question of Sweden's pro-
hibition of the export of woodpulp is
raised. The Weekly Dispatch says
that the government has decided on
drastic steps as regards the importa-
tion of luxuries.

"It may safely be said," states the
Dispatch, "that in a few weeks time
there will be no imported luxuries
whatsoever. Certain necessities will
still be admitted, as for example ban-
anas for the poor, but expensive im-
ported fruits for the rich will be de-
barred. Wasteful motoring which is
everywhere seen, is to be stopped be-
cause it is using up shipping which
brings petrol and rubber. The im-
portation of pulp and paper probably
will be cut down forty per cent."

NEW I. O. O. F. TEMPLE.
LONDON, Ont. Jan. 23.—It was an-
nounced yesterday that the Oddfel-
lows of London have bought property
on Dundas street near Waterloo,
on which they intend to build a hand-
some and thoroughly up-to-date temple
as local headquarters for the craft.

DINEEN'S FUR CLEARANCE.
This is the third week of Dineen's
January clearing sale. Fur values of-
fered during this
week will be just as
supreme as those
available in the open-
ing days of the sale.
New garments and fur sets are being
continually brought down from our
factory, made up in the most recent
style suggestions, and added to the
stock in order to stimulate selling and
maintain a uniformly high standard
of bargain excellence. Dineen's manu-
facturing furriers, 140 Yonge street.

**ALFRED H. ORAM
DIED OF PNEUMONIA.**
HAMILTON, Monday, Jan. 24.—Alfred
H. Oram, son of Alfred Oram, superinten-
dent of the Berlin Tool Company, died
on Saturday following a week's illness,
of pneumonia. He was 20 years of age.

ROUTE OF THIRD TURKISH ARMY HUGE DISASTER

Key to Fortress of Erzerum
Captured by Russians at
Kopruckei.

BADLY DEMORALIZED
Attempt of Turks to Threaten
Russian Right Along Sea
Speedily Stopped.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 23, 5 p.m.—The
defeat of the third Turkish army, in
the Caucasus, resulting in its re-
tirement upon Erzerum, is regarded
here as a greater victory than that
at Sari-Kamish a year ago, when
these same troops were so demoralized
that they were only recently enabled
to resume the offensive.

The entire Eleventh Corps and parts
of the Ninth and Tenth of the Turkish
army were engaged in the battle in
the neighborhood of Lake Tortum ac-
cording to the military authorities
here. Behind these were concentrated
the reserves from the Ninth and the
garrison of the Erzerum fortress. In
the hands of the most skillful handling
of the Turkish divisions, however, they
were unable to withstand the sudden
and unexpected onrush of the Rus-
sians against the centre.

Thrown Back on Olti.
The campaign began towards the
end of summer. During autumn
three Turkish divisions were thrown
back at Olti and along the southeast,
while in the district of Laptani, a
division under Halil Bey was defeated.
The operations toward Urumiah en-
ded with the defeat of the Persians,
Turks and Germans, thus guarantee-
ing the safety of the Russian flanks.

In December the Russians began
an active attack against the Turkish
centre and on Jan. 3 broke the lines
of the Eleventh corps, so that these
forces were obliged to retire in disorder.
Evidently, according to the Russian
military authorities on this occasion,
they had forgotten the lesson of Sari-
Kamish, when, in trying to rescue
the ninth corps by a direct attack,
they suffered a virtual annihilation of
the ninth and tenth corps as they re-
tired. They did not risk
a similar maneuver this time,
but permitted the flanks to be un-
molested, massing their forces
against the central positions.

Not until three days after the be-
ginning of the retreat of the main
Turkish army was an attempt made
to threaten the Russian right along
the sea. This offensive was quickly
stopped.

After a breach had been forced in
the positions on Erzerum, the
retreat became a rout, the Turks
falling back upon the Erzerum fort-
ress, leaving dead and wounded, guns
and equipment behind.

The defeat of the Turks, it is as-
serted, was particularly disastrous in
Kopruckei, where by a series of
artillery attacks, followed by assaults
with the bayonet, the Russians vir-
tually destroyed three regiments,
leaving the key to the fortress in
Russian possession. It is
pointed out that after the Sari-
Kamish battle the Turks were able
to hold this position.

**AUSTRIAN CRUISER SUNK
WAS THE HELGOLAND**
Warship Had Been Attached to
Cattaro Base Since War
Began.

ROME, Jan. 23, via Paris, 10 p.m.—
The Italian navy department has re-
ceived information that the Austrian
scout cruiser of the Novara type, which
was sunk a week ago, was the cruiser
Helgoland, which has been attached
to the Cattaro base since the outbreak
of the war.

It was officially announced in Rome
Jan. 15, that the French submarine
Focault, attached to the Italian fleet,
torpedoed and sunk in the Adriatic
Sea, an Austrian scout cruiser of the
Novara type.

**KING'S AIDE-DE-CAMP
WAS KILLED IN FRANCE**
Brig.-Gen. Hugh Gregory Fittin
Had Fine Record as
Soldier.

LONDON, Jan. 24, 2:38 a.m.—The
name of Brigadier-General Hugh
Gregory Fittin, aide-de-camp to the
king, appears among the killed in the
casualty lists from the British front
in France published today.

Gen. Fittin was born Nov. 15, 1868.
He distinguished himself in the
Soudan and Boer campaigns. He was
mentioned several times in despatches
and received the Distinguished
Service Order medal for his services
with Dongola expeditionary force in
1898. He married a daughter of the
late Sir Alfred Hickman.

GREEK GOVERNMENT'S STATEMENT DELAYED

Speech of Throne to Be Omitted
at Opening of Parliament.

PARIS, Jan. 23.—A despatch to the
Havas Agency from Athens, under
date of Friday, states that the Greek
chamber of deputies will commence
work on Monday without the usual
speech from the throne, the govern-
ment reserving its declaration on the
political situation until later. M.
Rouphos, deputy from Patras, and
former governor of Crete, probably
will be elected president of the cham-
ber.

An Athens despatch says:
"The Greek Government, according
to announcement here, sees no ob-
jection to the temporary establish-
ment of the Serbian Government at
Corfu."

**POLLENTIA HAS SUNK
CREW ALL TAKEN OFF**
Italian Steamer Reached British
Freighter in Nick of
Time.

HALIFAX, Jan. 23.—The British
freight steamer Pollettia, which has
been reported in distress about 700
miles off Cape Race, foundered to-
night, according to a wireless mes-
sage received here. All on board were re-
scued.

A wireless despatch from the Italian
steamer Giuseppe Verdi, via Cape
Race, says that she took off the crew
of the Pollettia tonight. The rescue
was made in a rough sea, soon after
the steamer had been taken off the
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Vienna says: "The surrender of the
Montenegrin arms continues in numer-
ous parts of the country. On the
northeast front of Montenegro more
than 1500 Serbians have surrounded
the city. Fighting resumed."

A semi-official communication issued
from Budapest, Hungary, as forwarded
from Zurich to the Exchange Tele-
graph Co. contains the first admission
received here from Teutonic sources
to the effect that fighting has been re-
sumed in Montenegro. According to
this report a considerable portion of
the Montenegrin army refused to sur-
render, and fierce fighting was re-
sumed yesterday in the mountains.